

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to conform to the replacement drawings being filed concurrently herewith, and to correct certain informalities. This Amendment adds no new matter. Entry of this Amendment is requested.

**Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement**

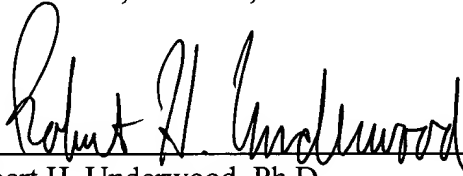
A copy of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on May 21, 2003 is being filed concurrently herewith. Entry of the IDS is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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